IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-15.   (canceled)

16.   (original) A method, comprising:

outputting stored media information based on an associated index file;

receiving an annotation request at a point in the index file;

receiving and storing annotation information associated with the annotation request; and

modifying the index file at the point at which the annotation request was received to reference the stored annotation information.

17.   (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

asking for a type of the annotation information before the receiving and storing.

18.   (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

detecting a reference to the stored annotation information in the index file;

retrieving annotation information associated with the reference; and

selectively combining the media information and the annotation information.

19.   (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

repeating the outputting stored media information based on an associated index file

before the detecting a reference to the stored annotation information.

20.   (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the selectively combining includes:

determining whether the annotation information should be displayed, and

combining the media information and the annotation information if the determining

determines that the annotation information should be displayed.